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For : DIGITAL VIDEO APPARATUS USER INTERFACE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In the US national phase application of PCT/US99/16375 filed herewith, please enter the following amendments to the claims (which are the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report):

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 1, following the title, insert:

-- This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application PCT/US99/16375, filed July 20, 1999, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/093,346, filed July 20, 1998 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/093,347, filed July 20, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1.(AMENDED) A method for controlling a system for processing information stored on a selected storage medium, including a program and a plurality of portions of program information, the method comprising the steps of:
accessing and processing [(127)] a first one of the plurality of portions of program information during a playback mode of operation; and